Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) to ensure that the tariff progressively reflects the cost of supply. 20 States have constituted/notified constitution of SERCs. 12 SERCs have since passed tariff orders.

Statement

Power cost as a % to total cost in the various textile products in India *vis-a-vis* other countries during the year 1999.

Sl. No.	Items	India	Brazil	Indonesia	Italy	Korea	Turkey	USA
1.	Ring Yarn	10	4	3	8	5	6	5
2.	O-E yarn	9	4	3	9	5	6	6
3.	Texturised yarn	5	2	3	6	4	6	3
4.	Woven ring yarn fabric	16	7	5	11	8	10	8
5.	Woven O-E yarn fabric	16	7	5	12	8	10	9
6.	Knitted ring yarn fabric	11	4	3	8	6	6	6
7.	Knitted O-E yarn fabric	11	4	3	9	6	6	6
8.	Knitted texturised yran fabric	10	4	4	9	6	9	4
9.	Woven texturised yarn	17	6	7	11	9	12	7

Withdrawal of NHPC from Hydel Power Project near Ranchi

3272. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jharkhand Government had ratified the MoU signed by the undivided Bihar Government regarding NHPC's hydel power project of 710 MW capacity near Ranchi which has now been withdrawn by NHPC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Jharkhand Government has now raised a question of commercial viability of the said project;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this issue was also raised in Jharkhand High Court through a PIL;

(f) the reply filed by the Jharkhand Government against the PIL; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to meet the power requirement of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) No Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by the undivided Bihar Government with National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) regarding the Koel Karo Hydro-electric Project, (710 MW) now located in the State of Jharkhand.

(c) to (f) The Government of Jharkhand had filed an affidavit in response to a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Smriti Kendra wherein the State Government had informed the High Court of Jharkhand that various issues and questions of far reaching importance and magnitude have to be taken into consideration and decided by the Government of Jharkhand before the State Government can take a definite stand on whether to construct the project or not. The issues *inter alia* relate to the acquisition of over 16,000 hectares private land as also taking possession of a large area of forest land. This would involve dislocation of a large number of families. The other major issue relates to the comparatively high tariff of power from the project and the project cost. The State Government also said that they would not be able to commit at this stage any time frame within which a decision could be taken in respect of taking up the implementation of the project. Keeping in view the difficulties expressed by the State Government in their affidavit, the Court dismissed the PIL on 22nd February, 2002.

(g) The Eastern Region as a whole, of which Jharkhand is a constituent, has substantial surplus power.

Kanti Thermal Power Station at Muzaffarpur City

†3273. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether agro based industries and other Small Scale Industries are suffering a lot due to shortage of electricity despite Kanti Thermal Power Station being located at a distance of only a few Kilometers from Muzaffarpur city;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.